

# Town of Red Cliff Newsletter March, 2019



### **Town Board of Trustees Update**

Mayor Duke Gerber, 383 Pine Street, was elected to the Red Cliff Town Board of Trustees in the last Town election April, 2018. He was appointed Mayor Pro Tem when Lorenzo Sandoval rose from that position to become mayor in August of last year. With Zo moving, Duke has ascended to become Mayor of Red Cliff. First and foremost; Duke has the support of every current board member and the Red Cliff manager and staff. We are here to serve and to wish Duke good fortune in his endeavors. We are confident that the positive direction and momentum of the board will be enhanced by our new mayor.

Editor: How long have you lived in Red Cliff? 1976 born Glenwood Springs; lived in Gilman till 1978 1978 – 1984 Minturn; 1984 till present Red Cliff with short stints in Laramie Wyoming for college and few years in Gypsum.

Can you tell us what you like about Red Cliff? Closeness to nature, and the close knit, small town community. The fact that cell phones don't work here is nice too What don't you like about Red Cliff? There is room for improvement in some areas but I can't say that there is anything I dislike about Red Cliff. I would like to see some street lights back.

What have you observed that you like or don't like about the town council's effort and perspective? I originally ran to be a Trustee because I didn't understand some of the actions that the town was taking. After nearly a year on the council I have come to understand how often times it is bureaucracy that drives the town's actions. Unlike other municipalities in the valley, our limited budget forces us to stay fiscally responsible. The town spends a lot of time trying to find grants and other available funds in order to get projects

Are there things; actions or situations you would try to influence to change or direct more to your point of view? I try to look at situations as they will benefit the town as a whole. I am not afraid to voice my opinion but I realize

that sometimes even though I don't agree with something it could still benefit the town as a whole.

What are your priorities for Town business in 2019? I had no intensions of becoming the mayor of Red Cliff. As it has happened by the loss of two very dedicated citizens of this town, I will do my best to make sure that we can move forward. There are some big projects on the table. The townhome project on Water Street and moving forward on the streetscape project are at the top of the list. I would also like to make good on my campaign promise of getting some community horseshoe pits built here in town.

#### **Trustee Needed**

We are an incomplete board and would enjoy a citizen coming forward to share their perspective and fill the vacant seat available. Applications are due March 15<sup>th</sup>. Must be a registered voter in the Town of Red Cliff and resident for a minimum of one year.

Next BOT Meetings - Tuesdays - 7:00PM March 19, April 2 and April 16, 2019

## **Planning & Zoning Commission**

The Town Planning and Zoning Commission is looking for interested folks to help shape the future of our community by joining. Have firsthand knowledge and direction to steer and guide our future!

If you are interested in being on the P&Z Commission, call, email or come by the Town Offices for an application. Applicants must be a minimum of 18 y.o, be a current resident and have resided in Red Cliff for a minimum of one year. The positions are appointed by the BOT. P&Z Meetings – When scheduled, Tuesdays at 6PM, prior to the BOT meetings - Watch for details.

#### **Water Emergency**

The main water line into town froze twice last month. This can happen when we have alternating extreme cold and heat which forces the frost line down into the ground further. During the second emergency freeze we had problems with the fire hydrant which would not allow us to turn off the water at the hydrant and at the shut off. We will be replacing and upgrading the hydrant. The old hydrant when repaired will be placed on the line in an additional place closer to the water treatment plant to better help with clearing lines when necessary.

**Thank you** - residents that helped with our water emergencies last month...you know who you are!

#### **Snow Removal & Parking**

As a reminder, please do not throw snow into the middle of the road unless Floyd is right there to take it away. This is dangerous for drivers as well as making the road bumpy. Snow should be placed by the side of the road when necessary. All homes built after 2006 were required to have a "snow dump" area within their property limits. Please make use of it. If you have any questions about this please contact the Town Office.

Motor vehicles may not be parked on the road, without moving, for more than 72 hours. If we notice a snow drift around your vehicle, it's a pretty good sign that it hasn't moved. We may need to tow it away to keep the roads wide enough to be safe and allow for additional vehicles to be parked.

No RV's, OHV's, Snowmobiles, or unlicensed – expired-licensed vehicles may be parked on the streets, alleys or other public property. These may also be removed at the owner's expense.

We appreciate all of the Town residents help with these notes to keep the roads safe for kids, pets and other drivers. Visibility is important. And we all know what a challenge it can be to find parking on the street for ourselves and guests.

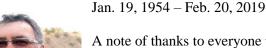
#### Fire Hydrant Help

Fire hydrants all need to be dug out. Normally this job falls to the nearest residents as their responsibility. But with all the snowfall -Let's help each other out. If you have some time and a shovel, please help keep these hydrants cleared. We have a shovel and a map of the hydrants in the entry of the Town Hall (always open) if anyone needs them.

#### **AED's**

Speaking of the Town Hall Entrance...There is an AED in case of emergency. If you find someone unresponsive, the AEDs are located at the Town Hall and the east end of the Maintenance building. You do not need experience, when turned on, it will walk you through the life saving steps. We will try to schedule a CPR and first aid class this Summer.

# **Mourning Jerry Trujillo**



A note of thanks to everyone that attended Jerry's Memorial at the Town Hall and Mango's. Jerry's kids appreciated meeting many of you and sharing your memories. Red Cliff will miss him.

### March Birthdays!

Happy birthday to Cole and Izzy who are celebrating this month!

If you are under 18 and have a birthday this month and you weren't mentioned....be sure to let us know at the town office and we will put you on the birthday book list for the Community Fund Board!

Thank you for all You do for Your Town!
Mayor Duke Gerber, Board of Trustees,
and Red Cliff Town Staff